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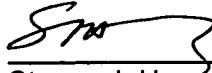
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 Comment On Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance  
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Sir: **COMMENT ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

While Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicant must state for the record a lack of acquiescence in the Examiner's Statement.

The allowed subject matter is reflected in the claims, not in the Examiner's Statement. For example, the Examiner's Statement, while essentially tracking claim 1, is limited to an analog-to-digital converter, since that is the subject matter of claim 1. It does not address a digital-to-analog converter, which is the subject of claim 18 or a signal processing apparatus which comprises the ADC of claim 1 and the DAC of claim 18 or a further signal processing apparatus in the form of an IC that comprises the converters of both claims 36 and 37, or the methods of claims 39 and 40, or the signal processing apparatus of claim 41. The claims are allowed because the subject matter they define distinguishes patentably over the art of record for a variety of reasons, not just the reason(s) listed in the Statement.

Applicant makes these comments of record lest the record give rise to a presumption that any claims are inappropriately limited beyond the actual language of the claims.

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